

ITEM#: 10
DATE: 01-22-19

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: HARRIS STREET PARKING ORDINANCE

BACKGROUND:

Over the past several months, staff have received multiple complaints about parking along Harris Street (Wellons Drive to Dotson Drive). Staff's review of the existing parking ordinances in Sections 18.31 and 18.33 of the *Municipal Code* has found that **no restrictions are currently in place for Harris Street**. According to current roadway and emergency standards, the existing 26' and 31' widths of Harris Street only allow for parking on one side of the street. To be consistent with the current ordinance standards and considering the location of existing fire hydrants on the north side, staff is **recommending prohibiting parking along the north side of Harris Street**.

A letter was sent to adjacent property owners and residents along Harris Street on December 10, 2018, to receive feedback on this proposed ordinance. Out of 70 letters sent, two responses were received; they both were in favor of the proposed ordinance. No responses were received opposed to the proposed ordinance. The lack of responses is likely due to a high number of rental properties in the area. Another notice will be sent to the neighborhood when the first reading of the ordinance is scheduled for City Council consideration.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance that prohibits parking at all times on the north side of Harris Street.
2. Do not make any ordinance changes at this time.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By directing legal staff to make the ordinance update, it will be possible to improve the safety for our traffic network and the residents in this area. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No.1, as noted above.